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St Stephens Church at Indian Creek Re-dedicated

By Archbishop John J. Glennon, Last Friday

Last Friday the 18th of October, Indian Creek was in holiday attire for the new bell at St. Stephen's church was to be blessed and the church itself to be re-dedicated and re-opened for divine service.

At an early hour the people began to assemble from the surrounding districts. Fond recollections of early days welled up in their hearts as they viewed their church resurrected from the disastrous fire which destroyed it when struck by lightning March 10, 1907.

At 8 a. m. a procession was formed. First came the altar boys, next filed in order the visiting priests and lastly came Archbishop Glennon in full pontificals. He immediately proceeded to bless the new bell according to the beautiful ritual of the Catholic church. Mr. F. H. Hagan of Monroe City and Mrs. John Leo Williams acted as sponsors.

The church was then dedicated and blessed and mass was celebrated by Rev. J. A. Cunningham of Holy Rosary church Monroe City.

The Archbishop gave a beautiful address on the symbolism and use of the bell in the ceremonies of the church, the connecting link between the past and the present.

He exhorted his hearers to cling to the faith and homes of their fathers and instead of going away to settle down around their old church and hearken to the voice of the bell calling them to the worship of their God.

Among those present were the Rev. Frs Patrick Cooney, Indian Creek; Thomas Cooney, St. Louis; Thomas Mullen, Monroe City; Thomas Cusack, Morrisonville, Ill.; Martin Collins, Shelby; D. F. Sullivan, Hannibal.

Services were concluded by the solemn benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Returning to Monroe City the Archbishop visited the new parochial residence and was well pleased with the work. He congratulated Fr. Mullen and the people of Monroe and predicted a bright future for Monroe City.

He hoped that the congregation would assist Fr. Mullen in paying off all the debt upon the new house, saying humorously, it was not built till badly needed by two live priests. **

St. Stephens Parish was established in 1825 and attended by Missionary Priests until 1833.

The priests in charge have been: Rev. Frs P. P. Lefevre, H. Tucker, G. H. Langenberg, B. Rollands, Thos. Cusack, D. Kennedy, D. F. Lillis, E. Berry, John Hennessey, T. Ledwith, T. S. Phelon (now editor Watchman), John Cummings, John Quinlon, Thos. Bonicum, Thos. Conneys, John Doherty, E. J. Shea, P. Morrissey, J. J. Mahon, E. T. Gallaner, C. E. Kane, John Lyons and the beloved P. F. Cooney.

St. Stephens was the parent church of the Holy Rosary of this city and of St. John's at Stoutsville.

As this data furnished us through the kindness of Rev. Fr. P. F. Cooney priest in charge of St. Stephens clearly shows, St. Stephens might justly be called, the Christian Cradle of Monroe County, Missouri.

Remember Indian Creek was first named Swinkey, after its founder. Then changed in honor of his wife to Elizabethtown Indian Creek coming later.

"The first Jesuit came here 82 years ago." "The first resident priest 74 years ago."

"The first marriage now on record is, Thos. Yates to Eliza Pierceall 1835."—They were the parents of W. R. Yates, President of the F. & M. Bank and John, Thomas and Al Yates of this city.—"The first baptism, Washington Green slave of Clement Green, March 1832." "These are not the first but first on record." "The others are on record in St. Louis." "This is the fourth church built by Catholics of Indian Creek."

Monday, March 10, 1907, made the third time that the historical and worshipping home of the consecrated people was stricken by lightning.

The first of the four houses of

worship was a very large structure of cottonwood logs in which Mr. and Mrs. William J. Pike of this city were married in 1833.

Anything like a full and complete history of St. Stephen would make a fair sized volume, for its membership and their actions has been on broad upper plane of life, covering all of its better phases.

Bad Gash.

While loading some well drilling machinery, J. Tom Spalding's little boy was sitting on the front gate of wagon and tumbling off high ended the tram which ran away.

In his effort to save his child's life at any cost Mr. Spalding grabbed for the lines but caught only one and that sheared the maddened team against a bare wire fence. A cruel barn caught Mr. Spalding at the inside end of right brow and tore its way downward across the cheek to the corner of his mouth, making such an ugly and deep gash that the surgeon had to take four stitches to close the wound.

Strange to say, the child escaped without a scratch.

Yowell—O'Daniel

There was a quiet, but pretty wedding of two hearts that beat as one at the Holy Rosary parsonage at 12:45 Wednesday afternoon.

The happy pair, was the sweet loveable daughter, Miss Stella Mae, of Dan K. Yowell and Edward H. O'Daniel, an up-right enterprising young business man.

Immediately after the ceremony which was performed by Rev. Fr. T. Mullen, they took the Portland limited for their new home, Spokane, Washington.

The young couple will be missed by a host of friends who have admired them from childhood up.

May fair skies and the rose bud of love always be theirs.

After an extended visit with Miss Jennie Seymour, Mrs. Fannie Bondurant has returned to her home, Terre Haute, Ind.

ABOUT THE CHURCHES.

Interesting News Concerning the Different Denominations.

This Column Closes Promptly at 9 a. m. Each Wednesday. Don't Forget it.

Rev. Fr. Thomas Cusack of Morrisonville, Ill., and brother, John B. Cusack, of Denver, Colo., and Rev. Fr. T. Cooney, of St. Louis, attended the dedication of St. Stephens church Friday. Fr. Cusack and brother, John B., were born and reared within a stone's throw of historic St. Stephens.

Rev. J. W. Trower will begin a protracted meeting with the Warren Baptist church next Sunday.

Rev. Fr. John Cunningham left Tuesday to attend the Clergy Conference at Millwood, Mo.

METHODIST.

Rev. M. F. Crowe is still engaged in the protracted meeting at Arch Street church, Hannibal.

J. A. Sidney, one of the noted and popular Epworth Leaguers, will conduct all the regular services at the church Sunday.

METHODIST—CIRCUIT.

Rev. T. Penn will conduct regular services at DeMoss Sunday. The sacrament will be partaken of at the close of the services.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Regular services next Sunday morning and evening by the Pastor.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.

Woman's Society will meet at the church Friday 2:30 p. m.

HOLY ROSARY

The gentlemen of the Holy Rosary church will meet next Sunday after last mass. All subscriptions for the new residence are expected to be turned in to the collectors by that time so as to meet the terms of the contract.

The collectors are requested to make every effort to raise the balance of the required funds.

The societies of the Holy Rosary church have undertaken to furnish the new house. The Sanctuary, young ladies and young men's societies and the ladies of Brush Creek and Hannibal are collecting for that purpose.

It is the earnest desire of Father Mullen that all carpets and all necessary furniture for the house be gotten in Monroe City. His desire is to encourage home trade.

Fr. Mullen expects to have St. Peter's church Brush Creek, re-roofed next month. The necessary funds for that purpose have been deposited in the Farmers & Merchants bank by the church committee.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Regular services Sunday.

Subject morning discourse, "What is a Church." Evening, "Sought and Saved."

Rev. H. E. Tralle, editor of the Central Baptist, will begin a protracted meeting with the First Baptist church Sunday, Nov. 24.

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH

23rd Sunday after Trinity.

Holy Eucharist 7 and 7 a. m. Matins 11 a. m.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Evening song 7:30 p. m.
St. Jude's Day
Holy Eucharist 9 a. m.
Everybody welcome.

REV. JAMES NOBLE,
Priest and Rector

New Things

Charles King is painting his home and barns.

D. A. Ely has put in 108 feet of cement walk.

Joseph Smith has had 45 feet of cement walk put in in front of his cottage home on Second Street.

Hugh Keller is adding two rooms to his residence.

D. W. Koenig is adding three rooms to his cosy home.

E. G. Moss is building a four room cottage.

Pearl Geaning is building a four room home.

Abe Moyers is adding two rooms to his new residence.

George Shaw is increasing the size of his residence, one room.

Price Young and H. I. Lear are each re-roofing their homes.

Henry Kendrick has built a new carriage house.

Andrew Garner is re-roofing his home.

L. M. Redman is re-roofing his home and adding a veranda to it.

Fritz Lebenbauer is remodeling his home.

Eugene Mitchell is building a new barn.

Melvin Nolen is re-roofing his home and enlarging it one room.

O. E. Newell is adding two rooms to his home.

P. Johnson is remodeling his home.

C. C. Dooley is increasing the size of his home by adding one room to it.

W. G. Barger is putting 15,000 shingles on his barn.

J. H. McClintic is shingling his barn and cribs.

Ed Moss is building a 5 room cottage.

A. Couch is adding two rooms to his home.

W. M. Hagord is building a 24x30 foot barn.

Sid Corder is having a 30x24 foot barn built.

Joe Foster is short on barn room so is putting up a 32x30 footer.

F. H. Wadsworth is building cribs with concrete floors and a shed to his barn that is 46 feet long.

Pius Kendrick is in for a new 28x32 foot barn.

Theo Hess is building a new 5 room cottage.

J. D. Bradmeyer is giving his home a general overhauling.

J. A. Hays is building a corn crib and shed 32x12 feet.

C. B. Nol is building a four room house.

C. L. Elzea is building a crib and some fancy hog barns.

John Kendrick is re-roofing his home.

John Duple is building a nice new porch.

Dr. Thomas Proctor has had 120 feet of cement walk built.

Frank Brown and Lee Hayden, of Van Rensselaer Academy have been the homefolks.